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Monthly AGS Meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Program: 10 Tall Texans You Probably Never Heard Of
Presented by: James L. Haley

Highland Park Baptist Church
5208 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas

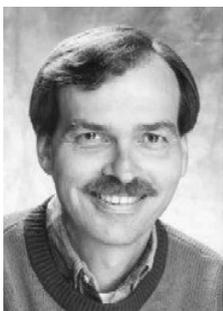
6:30 P.M. – Doors Open

7:00 P.M. – Meeting & Program Begin

Meet & Greet Old Friends & New
Shop our used books.
Pick up freebies & flyers about upcoming events.



JAMES L. HALEY will speak on “**10 Tall Texans You Probably Never Heard Of.**”



As much as we love Texas history, we have to admit it has become a little like the Stations of the Cross: we all know who is going to win at the Alamo, we all know those Indians are going to end up on the reservation.

But what about all those Texans whose fascinating stories didn't make the cut into the short version we all know? Haley's talk will highlight the lives of the lesser known--pioneers and viragoes, preachers and inventors, who have fallen through the cracks of Texas history. The stories will be drawn from his prize-winning book, *Passionate Nation: The Epic History of Texas*. Copies will be for sale at the meeting for \$35 cash or check.

Now a resident of Austin, Texas, James L. Haley was born in Tulsa and grew up near Fort Worth, graduating summa cum laude from the University of Texas at Arlington with a degree in Political Science. After graduate study at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, he resigned to concentrate on a literary career. 10 of his books have been published.

An AGS Holiday Celebration of Giving:

... AGS to our Members
...Members to the Community
...Members to AGS



Please mark your calendars for
Tuesday, December 2nd
to attend an AGS holiday social from **6:45 to 8:30**.
AGS treats will include
an interesting program on Historic Hotels in and around Austin and book signing;
an assortment of sweets, cheeses, nuts, and fruits; and
prizes and recognition of special 2008 AGS members.



Members giving to the Community: Members gift to the community: please bring two canned goods for the Austin Food Bank. Times are hard for many people and this is our chance to help. If you will bring two items of food to the social, the Capitol Area Food Bank will gladly receive and distribute them. Especially needed items include canned meat, peanut butter, granola bars, dried beans and rice, oatmeal, canned green beans, corn, carrots, potatoes, Lite fruit, macaroni & cheese.

Members giving to AGS: Maybe you have noticed an AGS member who has "gone beyond the call of duty" in 2008. Some have highly visible roles, but many are working behind the scenes, quietly and diligently. We want to find ALL who have contributed significantly to AGS this year, and you are the best judge of who those folks are. **Attend the October meeting**, look for the "**GOLD STAR**" **BOX** after you get your name tag, and **place your nomination there**. Can't attend in October? Send an email nomination and the reason behind that nomination to Barbara Innis at bagns@sbcglobal.net.

Finally, our guest speaker will be Liz Carmack who has written a book called Historic Hotels of Texas: A Traveler's Guide. She will be doing a 20-25 minute presentation talking about her 17,000 mile research journey to create this book. You can find out more about Liz and her book at: www.historictexashotels.com or and www.lizcarmack.com.

Start this holiday season with AGS!

Meet Your Neighbor

In order to learn a bit more about each person who attends the AGS meetings and to find some cousins, we are asking you to "Meet Your Neighbor."

If *your* own surname begins with the letters **P, Q, R, or S**, please plan to announce your name as well as four to six surnames that do not appear on our website, along with the earliest American location of each. (For example, Wampler, in Boston, Massachusetts, 1742, etc.)

If you hear a surname and/or location of interest, make sure you contact the person that night at the meeting, or right away by email afterwards. You never know what connections can be made. We began this project in January and already several people have realized they share ancestors with common surnames.

AGS BUSINESS Recap from the Board of Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, prior to the general meeting. Topics of discussion included the Treasurer's Report, AGS' participation in Roots, Boots & Brisket; plans for the December holiday social; the proposed slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors, and the pass-the-pouch collection for the Texas Governor's Mansion restoration; and the deadline for article submission in the next AGS Quarterly is November 5th.

The following actions were taken: (1) minutes were approved and treasurer's report accepted; (2) AGS will match up to \$500 of the contributions collected through Pass-the-Pouch at the October meeting for repairs to the Governor's Mansion; (3) the Board will handle the logistics of the December 2nd meeting which will be a holiday social (see "Membership" section below for more information); (4) attendees at the meeting will be asked to complete an "interest survey" for classes at Roots, Boots & Brisket; (5) the education committee will encourage future speakers to speak clearly and slowly when presenting their programs and will also encourage those who have difficulty hearing to sit nearer to the speakers.

Board of Directors Elections

The following slate of people was submitted into nomination at the September general meeting by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2009-2011 term: Inez EPPRIGHT, Sharon FOLEY, Cindy FOREMAN, Sara GREDLER, Janis TRAYLER, and Kay BOYD. Pursuant to the bylaws, the election of members to the Board of Directors will take place at the October meeting. Additional nominees may be nominated from the floor. If you wish to nominate an AGS member to serve on the Board, that person must first agree and also give their permission prior to being nominated from the floor.

Membership

(submitted by Barbara INNIS)

SEPTEMBER MEETING - TOTAL ATTENDANCE
was 88.

New Members - Phoebe ALLEN and Roger ROYCE.

Visitors - Lynn COOKSEY, Doris LAMB, and Anne WHEAT

New Members from the EDUCATION CLASSES
Eileen M. BROWN, Maria A. BARRON and Diane Sanchez SALAZAR

THANKS TO OUR SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Greeters - Maud CAIN and Carroll PATTERSON
Refreshments - June CHAMBERS, Robert SAGE,
and Deborah VAN CLEAF.

Registration table - Jean MAROSTICA

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ADDITIONS/CHANGES

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***Please send Membership
Directory additions/changes to
Barbara Innis at
bagns@sbcglobal.net.***

Coming Programs

The Education Committee has printed bookmarks listing the programs for the entire year. Be sure to pick one up at the hospitality table at the monthly meetings. Meanwhile, here is the list for the next few months:

Tuesday, October 28th

"Ten Tall Texans You Probably Never Heard Of" presented by James HALEY

Saturday, November 8th

Roots, Boots & Brisket – see information below

Tuesday, November 25th

No meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday

Tuesday, December 2nd

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Educational Opportunities

2008 Final Brick Wall Saturday

The final Brick Wall Saturday of the year will be held on **October 25th from 1 to 4 p.m.**, at the **North Village Branch of the Austin Public Library**. The North Village Branch is located at the southeast corner of **Burnet Road and Anderson Lane in the North Village Shopping Center**. Brick Wall Saturday's will resume after the first of next year at the new library location on Steck Avenue at Burnet Road.



6th Annual Roots, Boots & Brisket **Saturday, November 8, 2008** **5201 Convict Hill Road, Austin**

Plan to attend the 6th Annual Roots, Boots & Brisket that AGS is co-sponsoring with the LDS Church in Oak Hill again this fall. This is a collaborative effort by both groups to promote and support the activity of identifying our ancestors, recording family trees, and building family histories. There will be 8 classes to choose from in 4 time slots. Six members of the AGS Education Team will present twelve of these classes. And not only are the classes FREE, there is also FREE barbeque for lunch!

The cultural hall will have display tables similar to what we have at our annual picnic. If you are interested in reserving a display space for your family history, contact Elizabeth Johnston to make arrangements.

Class offerings include the following. Please check out the AGS website for time slots and instructors.

20th Century U.S. Military Records
Courthouse 360: A Panoramic View of
Courthouse Records
DNA For Genealogy - What Does It Mean & How
Do You Use It?
Family Personal History Made Easy (Journals)
Files, Piles & Folders -- Get Organized
How To Create a Website Using PAF

Indexing Demonstration
Internet Search Made Easy
Linking Genealogy and Artifacts
My Family - "New Family Research"
My Family - The First Four Generations
Organize Your Genealogy On the Computer
Using Maps to Explore Your Ancestors

We look forward to seeing you there!



Call for Volunteers

We need 12 people to assist as greeters at the registration table as well as 3 people to help with the AGS table.

If you plan to attend this event and can supply a nice friendly smile, please contact Kay Boyd at mkdb1405@aol.com.

Conferences & Seminars

Texas State Genealogical Society 2008 Annual Conference

(submitted by Teri Flack, AGS delegate to TSGS)

This year's conference is set for **Abilene** on **October 24 & 25**. The featured speaker this year is Thomas W. JONES, Ph.D., CG, CGL who will present six sessions on the theme of "**Following the Evidence Trail.**"

In addition to the lectureship sessions, the Lone Star Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will again do their Road Show with free 15-minute Consultations to help on a brick wall problem. Also available are: a Partner Society Special Session to discuss issues that genealogical societies face; round table mini-sessions -- small group discussions on a large variety of topics.

Website for additional information:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs/tsgs2008conference.pdf>



LAND OFFICE SYMPOSIUM: The Save Texas History Program of the Texas General Land Office and the Hood's Texas Brigade

Association Re-Activated will present a **one day symposium "Texas in the War 1861-1865, a Seminar."** on **Saturday, November 1, 2008** from **9 a.m. to 4:30p.m.** at the **General Land Office Building, 1700 N. Congress in Austin.** The cost is **\$50 which includes lunch.** For more information contact Martha Hartzog at m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu or (512) 447-3881.



San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society's 49th Annual Fall Seminar

November 8, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

John Calvin Presbyterian Church Fellowship
Hall

8102 Midcrown at Walzem,
San Antonio, Texas

Featuring Richard Eastman

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsaghs2/Pages/News.htm>

Texas State Library Legislative Appropriations Request = More Resources!

Would you like more research hours at the Texas State Library? How about easier access to State records? With your help, this may become a reality! You can review the Texas State Library GY2010-2011 Legislative Appropriations Request is online at the following website: <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/agency/budget/fy1011/index.html>. It seeks to add 2 full-time employees to the staff in order to respond to customer needs to have the Texas Family Research Center (new name for the Genealogy area) and the Reference and Information Center open additional hours on

Saturdays and after a normal workday during the week. In addition, the agency requests funds to pay the State Data Center for storage of digital images of original archival materials created in the past several years and that will be created in the near future. This fall, before the January 2009 session begins, we will need **your** help in writing to our Texas state representatives and state senators to request the additional money in the budget to allow this to happen. If you are unsure who your representatives in the Texas House and Senate are, you can go to <http://www.house.state.tx.us/resources/faq.htm> to determine the correct individual. This website will provide the mailing addresses. If you click on the name, you can obtain their email addresses. Senator Steve Ogden is the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Representative Warren Chisum is the Appropriations chair. It would be very helpful to also write these chairmen. *You can find talking points on our website at <http://www.austintxgensoc.org/> that will provide you with more information to include in your letter about the need for the additional positions at the Texas State Library.*

According to the most recent Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas newsletter, they have received \$1 million from the Jean and Price Daniel Foundation, Inc., \$500,000 for the conservation lab and many generous contributions from individual patrons and supporters for the \$10 million capital campaign to renovate the aging headquarters of the Texas State Library and Archives. The Friends want to raise \$10 million to pay for such things as archival shelving, both movable and freestanding, furniture for patrons and staff, equipment, energy efficient lighting, recording booths for the Talking Book Program, a conservation lab, and other items that are not covered by the initial \$15.5 million legislative appropriation. If you are able to help in a monetary way, please visit the Friends website at <http://www.texaslibraryfriends.org/>.

Bits & Pieces

Remember: We will **Pass the Pouch** at the **October meeting** for the **Governor's Mansion restoration**. AGS will match up to \$500 of the contributions collected through Pass-the-Pouch. In order to receive a tax deductible receipt for your income tax return, your contribution must be made via check at the meeting.

The deadline for submissions to the final edition of the AGS Quarterly is November 5th. Please contact Randy Whited for additional information.



NOW FREE -- As of October 1, all citizens of the State of Texas are eligible for a free library card with the Austin Public Library. If you live in an unincorporated area with no library service, stop in the branch library nearest you and get your card. The fee of \$60 is no longer in effect.

Steve Morse has added phonetic matching as another search choice for the surname on the Ellis Island One Step gold search form. If you still have not been able to find your people through Ellis Island, check out <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/EIDB/ellisgold.html>.

Get Well Wishes

We have learned that Julia Mellenbruch recently took a tumble and cracked her hip. She is currently receiving rehabilitation therapy at Seton and will be going home soon. Cards can be sent to her at her home address (see directory). Get well soon, Julia!

2008 Board of Directors

The members of the Board of Directors for the Austin Genealogical Society for 2008 are:

Term ending 2008:	Term Ending 2009:
Kay Boyd	Teri Flack
Inez Eppright	Tommy Ingram
Cindy Foreman	Barbara Innis
Sharon Foley	Elizabeth Johnston
Connie Perdue	Robert Sage
Janis Trayler	Randy Whited

2008 Officers

President	Tommy Ingram
1 st Vice President	Kay Boyd
2 nd Vice President	Cindy Foreman
Recording Secretary	Inez Eppright
Treasurer	Teri Flack

*We are here to serve the members of the Society.
If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please
share those with us.*

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